

2nd declension

Markers and Identifying Features

1. The 2nd declension is mostly* masculine and neuter in gender.
2. Its thematic vowel is -o
3. Its genitive ending is -i
4. The nominative forms of masculine nouns can end in: -us, -er, or -i. There are 3 different ways to decline:

1. Ex. colonus, -i, m. - farmer

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	<u>colonus</u>	<u>coloni</u>
Genitive	<u>coloni</u>	<u>colonorum</u>
Dative	<u>colono</u>	<u>colonis</u>
Accusative	<u>colonom</u>	<u>colonos</u>
Ablative	<u>colono</u>	<u>colonis</u>

*This is The standard and most common way of declining masculine nouns of The 2nd declension

2. nouns of The 2nd declension That end in -er have 2 ways to decline. The 1st is:

Ex. puer, -i, m. - boy

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	<u>puer</u>	<u>pueri</u>
Genitive	<u>pueri</u>	<u>puerorum</u>
Dative	<u>puero</u>	<u>pueris</u>
Accusative	<u>puerum</u>	<u>pueros</u>
Ablative	<u>puero</u>	<u>pueris</u>